have not yet been heard from. Come, brethren and sisters, will you not fill your quoto? We fear if we should excuse you we will have so many applications for excuses that we could not afford to grant them all. Try it again and again, and then if you can't we will have to excuse you. But we feel so confident that you can if you try hard, for,

"All that other folks can do,
Why with patience may not you?
Only keep this rule in view:
Try, try again."

Some of our subscribers think the present size of the EVANGELIST unnecessary. The former size was large enough for church news, but that is not the sole use of a church paper among us. We want our people stirred to active work; they should read scriptural points, that they may be able to intelligibly give them to others, and they will be more minute and their research will be deeper when preparing such articles for the press. We teach our children good lessons, hoping that holy inspirations may burn in their hearts and make them useful men and women. This you say, is as it should be; but when we have created such desires, our duty is to withhold no opportunity that would assist them in their work. Our number is growing, our people are becoming more intelligent, they are eager to grasp that which will aid them in Life's great work. We freely open our columns to such; and especially to those who are barred from Christian society, and who at times have felt

"Words that breathe, and thoughts that burn."

Tell your thoughts; some one will read them, and you may help and be helped in return. No effort is made in vain, one may be father to another, and it has never been doubted that he "who swerves not, conquers in the end."

We are not complaining, our contributors are doing well, and we want to encourage and stimulate them to renewed action. It is gratifying to note the improvement made in the present generation. Every effort shall be made to retain the present size of the EVANGELIST. May God bless the kind hearts and willing hands that have so promptly responded to our appeal.

Correspondence.

THE JEWS AGAIN.

The following is from brother Bauman's pen, in No. 21: "God will restore the Jews as a nation, a fact positively declared in revelation and indicated by the signs of the times." This seems to be the popular belief, but to me it is not plain at all. I would like to see the scripture and it made plain by which the fact is "positively declared", and that, too, done now by brother Bauman. Otherwise I will have to conclude that it is only some old church father's planting, and we have never given it a thorough investigation. Yours fraternally, JOHN CULP.

Warrensburg, Mo.

REMARKS.

We would just as soon if our Brethren would let such barren subjects severely alone. Of course the discussion would be likely to supply us with copy and help to fill up the paper, but we do not see any other good outcome. If there is any direct scripture which decides the question it ought to be given, now that it has been asked for, as it is always in order to read from the law, but when it takes six times as much argument to prove that the scripture quoted is pertinent to the point under consideration, the scripture part is so apt to be lost. If the Jews will become converted unto Christ, they will certainly be accepted just as readily as the Mohammedans, or any other class of people, and in no other way. They shall never be permitted to set up another Sanhedrem, or obtain the reins of government. At least we will never vote for them. If, however, the Lord has any special arrangments for them we shall not object, and could not interfere if we would. Let us discuss some of the live issues of the day. How to convert the Jews would be a good one.

MY PLAN.

Let brother Holsinger say how much more money he needs to make the publishing of the paper a living business, and make an assessment on each subscriber—who has not donated five dollars—and publish in the paper what it will be for each one to pay, and then, brethren, let us go to work and pay it by the first day of July. If the paper is the Brethren's EVANGELIST, it is our paper, and we should not let it die for the want of support. What is my assessment, brother Holsinger? FRANCIS DRAKE.

Boston, Ind.

That is certainly a very brotherly offer, brother Drake; and we may avail ourselves of it as far as you are concerned. We, however, incline to the view that we must raise the deficiency by voluntary contributions. There are some good brethren who do not appreciate our large paper, and perhaps they would not be pleased if we should tax them to help sustain it. We feel now that we will be sustained by the voluntary heart offerings of those who can appreciate a good thing. We would rather lose several hundred dollars than to demand and receive even one dollar which was not willingly and cheerfully given.

Notes and Jottings.

I left home Monday evening, May 26th, for New Enterprise lovefeast, Bedford county, Pa., and to visit the home of my parents in Fulton county thence to return and attend lovefeast of the church at Martinsburg, Blair county, Pa.

Stopped over night the 26th, in Louisville, Stark county, Ohio, with brother and sister Keim. Enjoyed their associations much. The 27th started on my journey and arrived in the "Cove," at Curryville, 9 o'clock, P. M. Stopped with brother Simon Snyder. Had a pleasant interview with him upon the condition of affairs in the church. He is yet identified with the German Baptists, but fellowships us both privately and publicly. This is the way we hope ere long to see more do. God speed the day when the prejudice that now prevails shall be eclipsed with brotherly love. We reached our dear brethren in New Enterprise, the 28. In consequence of a prayer meeting held by the German Baptists in the church, we held our first meeting in a school house. We all need to pray much under existing circumstances hence we did not wish to conflict with the prayer meeting.

I preached with the brethren here until Sunday evening, June 1st, Saturday evening, May 31st, had a very enjoyable feast. Here we met our dear brethren Will L. Spanogle, J. L. Wineland and J. G. Snyder, ministers from adjoining churches. Monday we started with father who had meet us here with conveyance for Fulton county to visit the friends and scenes of my boyhood. The distance from New Enterprise is about forty miles, over hills, mountains, brooks, and vales. This visit gave us much pleasure. We had been away seven years. Before leaving we were made sad to learn the conditions of affairs in the church. There were some young sisters who had unfortunately trimmed their dresses with lace and otherwise trespassed the orders of those in authority, but not to the extent of wearing a hat, yet they were expelled and their being a continued tradition current running through the church it has carried several of its members out of the fellowship of the flock. The result is apparent. Our principles—the gospel alone is the only remedy, and we believe the time is near at hand when old Fulton will wheel into line with a Gospel chariot.

On my return I preached three sermons for the brethren at New Enterprise. Here is a band of loving brethren and sisters. We visited the homes of brethren Jacob Furry, R. Z. Replogle, Geo. Z. Replogle, S. L. Buck and others. They have a wide awake Sunday school, good singing and everything pleasant, save the current of opposition that surrounds them, but with brother Replogle at the helm assisted occasionally by brother Spanogle, we trust for success. We next attended the feast near Martinsburg. Here we met brother Hildebrand, of Cambria county, Pa. Had an excellent feast; five were added to the church by relation. Preached Monday evening near the home of brother J. L. Wineland. Visited two days at the homes of brethren Klepser, Grawl, Wineland and Spanogle, where we pen this bit of news. Our visit through here was short; much shorter than we prefer, but our church work at home demands our presence. To-morrow (June 12th) we start for home where if the Lord will we shall soon mingle in worship with our dear brethren and sisters of North Liberty. Our impressions are that the Brethren's cause here is gaining ground rapidly. Brother Spanogle is the active minister here, assisted by brethren Wineland and Snyder. All men of good influence, and hence will succeed. More when we get home.

R. F. MALLOTT.

The Annual Meeting at Dayton.

By the courtesy of our home paper, the Andrews *Express*, I received a complimentary ticket to the German Baptist annual meeting, near Dayton. I would not spend money or time to hear and see the business transactions of these meetings. The great concourses of people who attend these meetings, take no interest in the business sessions at all. I saw a number of brethren, who had been on the grounds a day or two, who had not been near the business tabernacle. All the secular affairs connected with the meeting, seemed to be well managed, managed in an intelligent and business way. Advantages of all modern improvements was taken hold of and adopted, such as wind pumps, improved methods of cookery, the telephone, the bread slicer, etc., etc. Yes, sir, the German Baptists are keeping step with the advancing columns of progress in secular affairs, but in the transaction of business for their church they are a century behind our times. The business all continues in the hands of the bishops. The delegates are mere ciphers in the Conference. The "Standing Committe" elect the officers from their own number, and lay down the rules that govern the body. They occupy the "chief seats," some three feet higher than the delegates. The standing committee appoints one of its own number moderator, if a delegate objects to the rulings of the moderator, the standing committee decides as to the correctness of the moderator's ruling. Certainly all deliberative bodies should choose their own officers. The delegates in the German Baptist annual meetings are babes; they have no power or influence. Why do the delegates or why does the church, permit the Bishops to organize a "standing committee," for the purpose of holding secret caucuses from day today, to elect officers, formulate rules, and "prepare business" for the general conference? If the brethren and sisters who manage the kitchen department of the big meeting, were permitted to apply their common sense ideas to the business tabernacle, "minutes" and "mandatory" laws would not long trouble the churches.

It appears to me the standing committe made a mistake in ordering the reading of the fifteenth chapter of Acts; or they make a mistake in selecting Whit-Sunday as the time of the annual meeting. It would be more appropriate to read the second chapter of Acts at Pentecost than the fifteenth chapter. The standing committee go into a secret chamber, select officers, decide what business shall come before the general conference, and adopt the rules that govern the conference. The fifteenth chapter of Acts, neither by word nor intimation, gives any account of a secret caucus of the bishops; but on the contrary, we read: "Then pleased it the apostles and elders, *with the whole church*;" and again: "The Apostles and elders *and brethren* send greeting." The Abbotts have this note on Acts 15:23:

"There is no more remarkable trait in the character of the Apostles than the scrupulousness with which they refrain from the assumption of ecclesiastical authority over the church. Men were never placed in circumstances more favorable for forming, or for the means of executing ambitious designs. Notwithstanding the high personal influence which they must necessarily have posessed, they are always very slow to assume the exercises of any great official authority. They call meetings for consultation; they suggest; they propose; but it is the whole body of disciples that decide and act. (Acts 1:15, 21, 22, 23.—6:2, 3.) In the remarkable case here recorded, they do no assume that they are to decide the question."

It does not seem wise for the standing committee to have the fifteenth chapter of Acts read, in which the apostles show no authority over the church, and then at the close of this reading this standing committee takes to itself full controll of all the appointments and business of the meeting.

How can the German Baptists oppose "secrecy," and the power of the Pope and "bishops" in the Catholic Church? The power of the Pope is waning; but the power of the bishop is still great in the German Baptist church. S. M. MINNICH.

Andrews, Ind.

DEAR EVANGELIST: The Brethren of Cambridge City are still trying to serve God.

It gave me real pleasure to meet with the Brethren at Bear Creek and enjoy a heavenly feast with them. It filled my heart with joy to behold the love and union among them. This was the first opportunity I have had to attend a communion, where was used the single mode of feetwashing. Everything was done in good order and with the proper spirit. I felt that the command was obeyed: "Wash ye one another's feet."

My heart was filled with delight to see so many both old and young around the holy tables. There were about one hundred and twenty communicants. My heart was made glad to see that young minister from Ashland take his seat with brother Ridenour; I pray he may live faithful and be the means of bringing many poor souls out of darkness into the true light. I hope we may all so live, that if we never meet as we met there, we may meet in heaven where all is joy and peace and where we shall see our Savior as he is. Amen.

ELI HARDMAN.

Cambridge City, Ind.

Report

of donations from the Brethren, for the month of May, 1884, E. J. Worst, $1; C. Hoover, $1; J. A. Ridenour, $3, through the Brethren of Virginia; amount $5; 3–20 of the desired amount.

Our prayer is still for the "cheerful giver" and that God will verify his promise to such in "giving them a hundred fold more" in this life, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Quite recently we were much surprised by a package addressed to us, at our office. On opening it, found therein quite a number of family rights for making and selling to others "Our Compound." They are just to the point, legal, short and concise. Words would fail to express our humble gratitude to the dear and never-to-be-forgetten brother, who has conferred upon us such a large donation. Now brethren and sisters, prayerfully assist us in our effort to replace our property. God has recorded the acts of charity in the past, and is waiting to record more in the present and future. Fraternally.

W. S. LYON.

May Hill, O.

From Dayton, Ohio.

During the annual meeting recently held near this city, brother Isaac Kilhefner, of Ashland, Ohio, brother J. P. Martin, of Bremen, Ohio, and brother Henry Shomber, M. D., of Peabody, Kansas, after attending the annual meeting during the day, in the evening preached the word of life to the Brethren in the city. We thank you for your labor of love among us. May the Lord reward you with "a crown of glory that fadeth not away." For praising the Lord and preaching His word, the door of our church is open *ever*, for anything else it will be opened, *never*.

S. KIEHL.

Dayton, O., June 11.

From Dowagiac, Mich.

DEAR EVANGELIST: We are pleased to state to the Brethren that the Berrien church is still alive in the good work. On the 1st instant, four were buried in baptism; on the 7th, two more, and two united with us by relation.

Our communion on the 7th was a glorious feast. May God bless the good work everywhere. J. C. CRIPE.

What They Say.

I enclose you $4.00 and four names to the EVANGELIST to the close of this year. If possible begin with this week's number. Think it is well enough to threaten us with reducing the size of the paper, but it dare not be. And I am glad, however, that we are frequently reminded of our needed standby.

J. R. LICHTY.

Davenport, Neb.

DEAR BROTHER: I received your supplement and will respond to your appeal. I feel sorry that you and your paper are not better supported. It is too good a paper to let it go down, and I hope every brother in the church will give a helping hand, and be in dead earnest by keeping the shoulder to the wheel, and keep it roling in the good cause.

DANIEL M. BAKER.

Brooklyn, Iowa.

Mr. H. R. HOLSINGER: As your appeal came to hand, I will do my duty which you ask of me. As I am an outsider, I will send another outsider to your paper, and as many more as I can. Please find enclosed two dollars, for which add one to my subscription and the other one to Phillip Hufford's, Frankford, Clinton county, Indiana.

DAVID HUFFORD.

Rossville, Ind.

Many thanks, Mr. Hufford, for your renewal and another subscriber. Hope you may both become permanent subscribers, and that before long you will come inside, out of the cold world. We will try and do you good.—EDITOR.

The best ground untilled soonest runs out into rank weeds. A man of knowledge that is either negligent or uncorrected cannot but grow wild and godless.

Died.

LICHTY.—At Carleton, Nebraska, ROBERT CHRISTIAN LICHTY, the youngest of the children in the family of Will. S. and Sadie Lichty, formerly of Meyersdale, Pa.

He was a dear little boy, and now sleeps under the untilled blooming prairie. Very appropriate services were held at the house, our minister being brother Barger of the Methodist church. H. M. LICHTY.

REESE:—May 26th, 1884, at the residence of her son, John Reese, No. 117 North St., Dayton, SISTER MARY REESE, aged 76 years, 10 months and 8 days. Funeral services by Rev. H. F. Colby, and the writer. Text: "I am the resurrection and the life."

Sister Reese enlisted in the cause of Christ many years ago; from that time until the day in which it pleased the Lord to take her home, she was a faithful witness for Jesus. The law of the Lord was a lamp unto her feet and a light to her path." Her godly walk and chaste conversation elicited the esteem and admiration of all who knew her. Having a heart full of love to God and man, relying exclusively upon the merits of Christ, the efficacy of his blood and obedience to his word, with soul, spirit, and body consecrated to his service, her influence for the cause of her Redeemer was strong and powerful. She was an active and efficient worker in the Brethren church in the city of Dayton, ever since its organization, April 20, 1882. Her soul delighted in the service of the sanctuary, and never was she absent without a just cause. A loving, christian mother, a devoted sister has taken her abode in the spirit world and is now enjoying sweet repose in the mansions prepared for those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

S. KIEHL.